

# Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 06/07/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 8-10, 12-17, 19 and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material          | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|   | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. Claims 1-5,8-10,12-17,19,20 are allowed.
2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art cited does not anticipate individually nor teach in combination the following limitations:
  - A generally planer first mirror having a perimeter, the mirror further displaying an associated angle of incidence and an angle of reflection, the angle of incidence being equal to the angle of reflection and the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection both being defined with reference to a normal to the mirror surface; a raised barrier surrounding at least a portion of the perimeter of the mirror; and angled side that forms an angle with the plane of the mirror of about forty five degrees; and a light source to illuminate a user before the mirror, the light source being positioned peripheral to the perimeter , the light source being substantially fully exposed and positioned at least partially behind the plane of the mirror such that a ray tangent to the forward most portion of the light source traveling along the angle of incidence and not intercepted by the raised barrier and reflecting proximate the perimeter of the mirror and traveling along the angle of reflection does not impinge on a users eyes.
  - A generally planar fist mirror having a perimeter, the mirror further displaying an associated angle of incidence and an angle of reflection, the angle of incidence being equal to the angle of reflection and the angle of

incidence and the angle of reflection both being defined with reference to a normal to the mirror surface; a raised barrier surrounding at least a portion of the perimeter of the mirror; a wall-mounting bracket comprising a leveling adjustment structure and a horizontal positioning adjustment structure and a light source to illuminate a user before the mirror, the light source being positioned peripheral to the perimeter, the light source being substantially fully exposed and positioned at least partially behind the pane of the mirror such that a ray tangent to the forward most portion of the light source traveling along the angle of incidence and not intercepted by the raised barrier and reflecting proximate the perimeter of the mirror and traveling along the angle of reflection does not impinge on a users eye.

- A generally planar first mirror having a perimeter, the mirror further displaying an associated angle of incidence and an angle of reflection, the angle of incidence being equal to the angle of reflection and the angle of incidence and the angle of reflection both being defined with reference to a normal to the mirror surface; a raised barrier surrounding at least a portion of the perimeter of the mirror; a carrying handle; base supports; and a light source to illuminate a user before the mirror, the light source being positioned peripheral to the perimeter, the light source being substantially fully exposed and positioned at least partially behind the plane mirror such that a ray tangent to the forward most portion of the light source traveling along the angle of incidence and not intercepted by the

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- raised barrier and reflecting proximate the perimeter of the mirror and traveling along the angle of reflection does not impinge on the users eye;
- a plurality of modular rectilinear mirror units arranged generally side by side adjacent one another and each mirror unit having a surround; the surround of a first of said mirror units comprising lamps on three sides thereof; the surrounds of a second of said mirror units comprising lamps on two sides thereof; and the mirror units being arranged such that each modular mirror unit is illuminated on each of three sides thereof; and in which the surrounds of each mirror unit have a beveled portion and the beveled portion of the surround supports the lamps to illuminate users of the mirrors.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M. Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2382. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

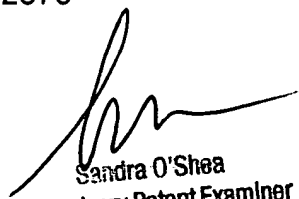
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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